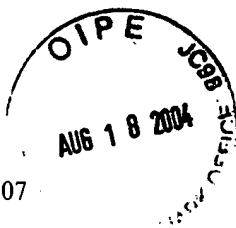


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Sir:

In response to the Notice of Allowability, mailed by the Patent and Trademark Office on May 19, 2004, and to the Reasons for Allowance attached thereto, Applicant wishes to clarify the record with respect to the basis for the patentability of claims in the present application.

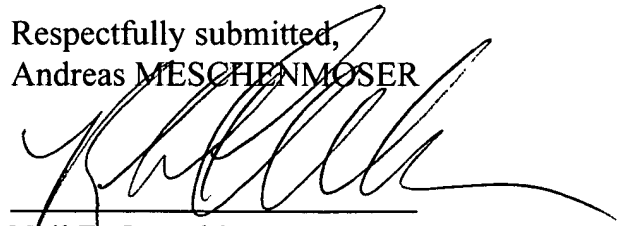
In this regard, Applicant does not disagree with the Examiner's indication that certain identified features are not disclosed by the references of record. However, Applicant further wishes to clarify that the claims in the present application recite a combination of features, and the basis for patentability of these claims is based upon the totality of the features recited therein.

Further, Applicant notes that the Examiner has not accurately presented Applicant's

position with regard to the search report. In this regard, Applicant has pointed out that the Examiner was not rejecting the claims of the instant application in accordance with U.S. patent laws, but was instead rejecting claims in a U.S. patent application based upon findings made by a German patent Examiner in a German Search Report without ascertaining whether the claims in the German application are identical to those claims being rejected in the U.S. application. Therefore, Applicant submits that this rejection was not overcome merely because it is "[a]bsent any translation," but because the rejection was not based upon U.S. patent laws.

Should the Examiner have any questions or comments about the above, he is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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